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THE
ABB^{EY} of KILKHAMPTON;
OR,
MONUMENTAL RECORDS
FOR THE YEAR 1980.

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From the ORIGINAL INSCRIPTIONS, which are still perfect, and appear to be drawn up in a Stile devoid of fulsome Panegyric, or unmerited Detraction;

AND

Compiled with a View to ascertain, with Precision, the MANNERS which prevailed in Great Britain during the last Fifty Years of the Eighteenth Century.

— REFER ANTE SUIS, ET CONDE SEPULCHRO. VIRGIL.

— MORS SOLA FATETUR
QUANTULA SINT HOMINUM CORPUSCULA. JUVENAL.

I pore upon the Inscriptions, and am just able to pick out that these are the Remains of the Rich and Renowned. No vulgar Dead are deposited here. The most Illustrious and Right Honorable have claimed this for their last Retreat, and indeed they retain somewhat of a shadowy Pre-eminence. They lie ranged in mournful Order, and in a Sort of silent Pomp under the Arches of an ample Sepulchre.

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*** *This Edition is enriched by the Addition of several new Epitaphs.*

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MONUMENTAL RECORDS,

F O R

One thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AT the End of the Choir.

Sacred to the Memory of

Lady B T

Who, with all the Constancy of conjugal Affection,

And all the Refinement of disinterested Love,

Rewarded the Sincerity and Honor of the Man,

Who lived but to preserve her Happiness,

Who died, but to defend her Innocence.

The Liveliness of her Disposition was clouded with Remorse and
Sorrow,

At having provoked the Slander of a V--, who dared

Justify his Insult with the Sword, and though

She survived the fatal Scene, the Remainder of her Days

Was known only to Solitude,

And marked with Lamentation.

Near the North Door.

Confecrated

By the unfullied Purity of her who never knew a Fault,

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Nor

Nor wished to indulge a Foible, that could violate
The spotless Sanctity of the Joys
She hastens to participate.

Think not, Reader, this Stone records the Language of Adulation.
She was the new-born Infant of Lord and Lady,
Heirefs to the Pageantries of Wealth and Titles,
But snatched from the Grandeur they afforded,
To partake of Felicities more glorious.

On the Wall near the South Door.

Sacred to the Memory
of --- Relict of the Hon. J... D...r,
Who, with a Degree of Fortitude, that surprized the most
undaunted of her Sex,
Chearfully submitted to the Dispensations of Providence
At a Moment, when Severity of Anguish baffles the reluctant
Heroism of Resignation.
In the earlier part of her Life she fell a Sacrifice to an Attachment,
rash and unmerited.
The Interval betwixt her Dissolution, and the melancholy Occ
sion of it, at a later Period, was short and wretched :
Too partial to the dangerous Folly of ungoverned charioteering,
The misplaced Fervor of her Youth
Was fatally extinguished on the 18th Day of --- 179-
By a Contusion, which, from its Violence, terminated in the
sad Event these Stones perpetuate.
Dignified by the sincerest Virtues,, she was not exempt from Indif-
cretions ;
Her unsuspecting Gaiety of Sentiment
Exposed her to the Indulgence of Foibles
Which rigid Virtue censures,
But which the Profligacy of a worthless ---- amply extenuated.

At

At the End of the Chancel.

R E A D E R,

Think not to trace my Virtues in the Page of History,
 Or view my Worth, recorded in the Annals of my Country:
 My Inclination never prompted me to a Wish
 Which might promote the Welfare,
 Or improve the Interests of Mankind.
 I grasped at Admiration, and obtained it, but it was the Tribute
 of a few, unprincipled and abject as the Man they cherished.
 My Conduct became a Pattern to the Unbeliever,
 A Refuge for the detected Outcast,
 And a Reproach to those, who once had known and valued me.
 An Enemy to Religion, I professed myself its Advocate,
 And attempted to delude the Freemen of the City of G.....
 By a Disguise of my real Principles.
 The Poignancy of my Sarcasms made me rather dreaded than
 careffed.
 But be not inveterate against the Man,
 Though you abhor his Vices.
 G S
 Saw his Misconduct, ere 'twas too late,
 And abjured the Errors he had once so zealously adopted.

On a Grave Stone, at the Foot of Lady ---'s Monument.

Here lie the nearly-mouldered Remains
 of --- --- Earl N.....
 Dignified more liberally by the Beneficence of an indulgent Prince,
 Than his Deserts, or Rank in Life could justify.
 Though

Though Affluence seemed to have courted him with a studied
Partiality,

Though Honours were bestowed on him, and the Rays of Court-
favor gave them new Lustre.

The peevish Sullenness of his Temper was unabated.

His political Creed

Was the genuine Emblem of his private Sentiments ;

In the one he aimed at Humour, in the other he professed,
but without Success,

A blunt Disinterestedness of Manners.

After having, by a Series of the rudest Insults, effectually dismissed
Two Wives,

He ventured to sound the Disposition of a Third,

Who, when she pays this tributary Veneration to his Memory,

Forbears to signify the Means she exercised in her Defence.

Within about Ten Paces from a mechanical Erection,
called a Buzaglo.

Entombed,

Lieth the perfect Corpse of B...ber G.....ne, Esq.

Which, at his earnest Request, and by the willing Consent of his
Executors, was embalmed at a considerable Expence, and in-
terred with every Solemnity specified by him, previous to the
awful Moment in which he departed this mortal Life.

Stop, Traveller, if thou hast visited this Scene for Contemplation
From Motives of Curiosity,

And reflect on a Calamity which may occur to the most cautious of
Mankind.

Wild Ambition,

Which rushes impetuous, when once unbridled,

Prompted

Prompted the mighty Soul, which animated erst the lifeless Clay
 herein inclosed, to the dangerous Essay of improving Science.
 To impart to Men the occult Mysteries of culinary Knowledge,
 Was a Task above the Soar of ordinary Genius :
 This B..... G.....ne attempted, but in the Hour of its Publication
 was found strangled (as it was thought) by a joint Conspiracy of
 his own Servants, conducted under the dark and secret Influence
 of the Cook.

Below Col. ---'s Headstone is the following Inscription.

To preserve, if possible, from Oblivion
 The Remembrance of --- Countess of J....y,
 Her ever faithful, and inconsolable Lord, in Testimony of the
 Virtues she possessed, has consecrated this Tomb to her
 much-lov'd Ashes :
 Beauty, Good-sense, and Sweetness of Disposition,
 Made her so universally the Object of Admiration,
 That the Value he set on her
 Approached, in the Opinion of the World, to Adoration.
 Had she possessed more Prudence, with less Vivacity ; more Af-
 fection, with less Inconstancy ; more Sincerity, with less Infi-
 nuation ;
 She would have lived a Pattern to the Wives and Daughters of
 Great Britain.
 Her Ladyship died in the ---th Year of her Age of the Spleen,
 after having been long indisposed with the incurable Malady of
 Coquetry.

In the Chancel.

Within this Urn
Is inclosed the Heart of a Nobleman, who, amidst a Multitude of
the kindest Virtues, possessed one Failing only.

W..... C.... Earl of E...x,
Fraught with every Sentiment of Humanity, could be deaf to
Compassion at the ensnaring of a Leveret,
Though a Friend to Mankind, and an Enthusiast in the Exercise
of Benevolence.

His sincere Philanthropy
Led him to the Commission of many Indiscretions, but none so
great as that of marrying Miss B---,
Who, born to a moderate Sphere of Life, was in every Respect
unequal to the Dignity of C----fs.
This noble Earl, after having, without Malevolence or Persecution,
enjoyed OTIUM CUM DIGNITATE,
Lost his Life in a Fox-hunt on the --- Day of ----, 17--, to the
inexpressible Grief of his Dependants, who revered him with
unexampled Gratitude.

In a remote Corner of the Northern Isle.

Underneath this Stone is interred the mortal Part of
C----fs T.....
A Lady devoutly rigid in the unwearied Exercise of the severer
Virtues,
Though charitable and compassionate to the Offences she deemed
venial.

Her

Her Lord, after permitting her to exercise the most licentious
Extravagance of Authority,
Felt not the Usurpation she had acquired,
Till, with unparalleled Effrontery, she commanded him to quit
her Bed.

In the Pangs of ---

A Shock too powerful for her fine Soul :
Like another SEMELE she gave Birth to another BACCHUS,
To whom she sacrificed,
And on the 18th Day of ---- 178- died a Martyr to the Goddess
she insulted,
By the *ecstatic* Influence of the God she worshipped.

Near the East Entrance.

A Tribute to the Memory of
P..... S.....pe, Viscount M....n,
Who, with an honest Intrepidity, dared despise the gew-gaw
Follies of his Age,
And cultivate those Virtues which emblazon an honorable Ancestry.
The Admirer of Worth and Patriotism in the Alliances he
form'd,
He swerv'd not from the Principles his Conscience taught him to
adopt.
Nature, confessing her Inferiority, left him, the fairest Ground-
work for Art to finish ;
And though, by a studied Negligence, he shewed his little Esteem
For personal Attractions,
The Grandeur of his Mind was never lost under the simple Veil,
which shrouded it.

His Lordship died on the --- Day of ---- 18-- aged ----.

Near

Near the arched Roof.

Here lie the Bones of --- Dow. Viscountess S.y, who, after having danced Thirteen Esquires, Six Baronets, and Two Lords to Death in the Course of 107 Years, dropped down Speechless, to the no small Mortification of a numerous Assembly, in a Rigadoon Step. On examining her Ladyship's Corpse, it was discovered to have been much bruised by unfair Pressures (as is supposed) from her deceased Partners.

Near the Altar.

Stranger, pass not this Monument without a Tribute
of serious Reflection
On the Instability of Grandeur, and the specious Fallacy of its delusive Permanence.

H... P.... Duke of N.....d,
A Nobleman indulged with every Gratification which Fancy could
have pictured, or luxuriant Affection aspired to the
Possession of,
Born with every Requisite to shine, and exalted to a Summit
equal to his Worth,
Deviated, in the Decline of Life, from those great and glorious
Principles
Which added Lustre to the Honors he inherited,
And finished a Career of steady Virtue, with an Apostasy, ignoble
as the Doctrines he defended.

His Grace, after having long condemned the Conduct of
His Majesty's M---rs in secret,
On refusing to accede to a Proposition of the Lord C-----r,
received a Blow on the Stomach which put a final Period
to his Existence on the 17th of --- 178-

Some

Some few Yards beneath this decorated Marble
Lie the Bones of --- G.ge, Viscount G.ge,
The Casualties of whose Life have been never paralleled within
the Memory of Man:

His Virtues were genuine and sincere, his Foibles few,
His Misconceptions numerous.

An Absence of Mind, incorrigible, though unfortunate,
repeated, though lamented by himself,

Promoted the Mirth of those who valued him,
Though they severely discommended the Incoherence of his
Conduct.

His Lordship, after having been miraculously rescued from a Variety of
Dangers, lost his Life by inadvertently riding
against the hind-wheel of his own Post-Chariot,
on the 27th Day of ---, 178—.

At the Entrance of a Vault, which when open discovered the scattered Remains of Three Oaken Coffins, is a Grave-stone raised about Three Feet from the Surface, with the following Inscription :

..... Dow. C—fs of

Zealously bigotted to rigid Acts of Devotion, and utterly despising the present Ecclesiastical Form of Worship, erected Seven Chapels for the Reception of her pious Converts, and petitioned the Three Estates of this Realm to delegate to herself and to such Successors as she should appoint (by an express Mandate of Authority from the K—), the Power of creating Two Bishops, who might perform every Function annexed to the Privileges of Episcopacy. The Petition was rejected; and her Ladyship, after abjuring the Religion of the Country, and branding her Opponents with the opprobrious Stigma of Heresy, died on the 10th of May 179—, a Martyr to Superstition, Madness, Ill-Nature, Pride, and Hypocrisy.

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From

From authentic Records it has been discovered that the Vault, wherein this Family have been interred for some Years, was originally, Anno 1770, a spacious Cellar built by the deceased Baronet, whose Monument is inscribed as follows :

To perpetuate, as far as human Assistance could lend the Means,

The Virtues of Sir O ph . . . s P . . . ,

This Monument was erected by the joint and willing Subscription of his surviving Friends, who, honoring his Benevolence in general, and his particular Attachment to the Welfare and Prosperity of the County of G , Have endeavoured to express the Sense they entertained of his manifold
Deserts,

By a sincere and public Testimony of their Veneration for his Memory. His indefatigable Zeal for the Good of Mankind, when Sober, and the honest Freedom of his Sentiments, WHEN DRUNK, have stamp't an indelible Impression in his Favor on the Mind of every Well-wisher to his Country, who must, with an Overflow of Tears, lament the Loss of a Character, so strongly marked with an unlimited Liberality of Opinion.

The worthy Baronet expired in the Arms of his Butler on the 17th of Oct. 17—, after having put Three Noblemen to Bed dead drunk, at a HOUSE-
WARMING.

On a fair Marble Stone at the South Entrance.

To the sad Remembrance of her, who was once the beloved Wife of
J . . . C . . we, Esq. of C Hall, Cheshire.

This

This Stone would fain recall the (perhaps) too careless and injudicious Mind
of those who, transported at the Lustre of her Beauties,
Lost the living Opportunity of contemplating her Virtues.
The Alabaster which records her Charms, rivals them not in unfulfilled
Fairness.

The winged Angel, which guarded over her never-fading Perfections, would
not have possessed a Soul more spotless, had not the Adulations of a de-
signing World taught her to forget their Insincerity, when they paid De-
votion to her once idolized Accomplishments.

On a plain Stone, almost concealed from Observation.

Here lieth Lord A ---, *

Whose Insignificance protected him, while living, even from Contempt,
His Mind was unacquainted with any Sentiment that might have dignified
the meanest of his Companions,

Whom he selected from the most wretched Class of Mortals.

His Conversation partook somewhat more liberally of the boorish Vulgarly
which distinguished his Associates,

Than the Excess of his own natural Stupidity ;

He passed the younger Period of his Life in a BARN, married in a FISHING-
SMACK,

And died, unlamented, in the honorable Exercise of BASKET-MAKING.

* Deceased since the first Edition was printed.

Beneath

Beneath a magnificent Profusion of Atchievements, is
the following Inscription in gilt Characters.

—Gaze with due Homage—

Deposited in a most splendid Shroud, the only Emblem of the Pomp
she courted, lieth within a Vault below, the corpse of

-----, once D-----s of -----.

The BATON SINISTER had been her Portion for Five successive Generations,
yet the Omnipotence of her Attractions vanquished so powerful an Anta-
gonist, and unsatisfied with leaving her the affluent and splendid Widow of
an Earl, exalted Sir -----'s Daughter to the Participation of a R—
B-d.

Her Charms were irresistible, till the wild Extravagance of their Ambition
obliterated their Lustre;

The most wanton Insolence succeeded the less arrogant Dominion of her
Beauty,

And made her D—rs the first Victims to its Tyranny.

Restless even as a P——, she wished to murder the newly ripened Affection
betwixt her —— and his ——, but failed in the Attempt,

And died on the 26th Day of ——, without a Token of Regret,
even from her Domesticks.

On a Stone, raised above the tessellated Pavement, in the
Form of a Child's Cradle.

Here sleeps

W---- B----le, Esq.

Who,

Who, after having been, Time out of Mind, impeded by the
Weight of his own Flesh, unfortunately fell from the Top
of a Staircase on the 1st of June 178--., and was unwittingly suffo-
cated before the Faculty could be made acquainted with his
Disaster.

From that Summit of Dignity, to which he aspired with Success,
Is now fallen Lord ———, B——p of H---.
His Promotion was as disproportionate to the Mediocrity
of his Talents, as the Sentiments he adopted were
unworthy the Honors he inherited.

The Brilliancy of his Conversation formed a specious Substitute
for Depth of Understanding, and the Liberality of his
Professions, an ineffectual Contrast to the Servility
of his Demeanor.

With a retentive Memory his Reflections were either immature
or ill-digested.

He possessed a Fund of Ostentation, nurtured in the School of
rigid Pedantry, and by forbearing to blend Urbanity
with Science, passed through Life without the
Reputation either of a Scholar, or a Philanthropist.

In a private Chapel.

For Peace Sake pass on, good Friends,
And suffer not my almost mouldered Ashes to be disturbed.
I once was B K — — t. Esq.

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A distinguished, though not revered Lord M... of L...
 Fortune lifted me from Obscurity merely to have the Satisfac-
 tion of crushing my Felicity, and insinuated herself so
 irresistibly into my implicit Confidence,
 That my accustomed *Temerity* left me at a cruel Non-plus,
 Unknowing whether to be her Tyrant or her Slave.
 I expired to the World, after being totally bereft of my Facul-
 ties, on the — Day of June 178—
 And unwilling to hesitate at the Alternative of Recollection, or
 Oblivion, made Death my *Potion* in the succeeding
 — of the same Year.^{SW}

On the South Side of the East Isle, on a superb Tomb
 of coloured Marble.

H.... F..... Duke of C... b..... d,
 A Prince possessed of Virtues, which in his Youth had been
 flattered rather than improved;
 Lived to condemn the Defects of an inconsistent though splendid
 Education, and by consenting to a Second Tutelage,
 repaired the Enormities of a misguided and
 tedious Minority.
 His Failings, though they frequently partook of Criminality,
 Discovered an Openness of Temper, and a Benevolence of
 Sentiment, which palliated the Indiscretions they
 gave Birth to.
 Had he been endued with greater Discernment, and less
 Sensibility;

Had

Had his Conduct been distinguished by a larger Share of
Circumspection,
His Misconducts might have been less censured by the World,
as his Heart would have betrayed a more vitiated
Refinement of Policy and Dissimulation.

Lady Visc—t—fs ———,
After having long eluded the Vigilance, and mocked the Authority of
every earthly Guard, was finally consigned to the more rigid
Custody of Death on the 4th of August 178--.
The wretched Character she supported through Life is the severest
Censure which can be passed on the Flagrancy of her
Offences,
Nor does her Conduct need any other Argument to discountenance
so pernicious an Example,
Than the Comment she had the Effrontery to recommend
As a public Vindication of her Proceedings.
An unexpected Revolution in the promised Fruition of visionary
Felicities, was the only Plea she dared advance in Defence
of the most abandoned Infidelity.
She lived amidst the Contempt and Reproaches of the World,
without Reflection or Remorse, and died without a Wish
to obliterate her Misconducts by avowing
their Criminality.

At

At the Entrance of a Vault late in Possession of the

Descended from a Line of Heroes, whose Virtues he disdained,
C--- H---, late Earl of ---,

Effaced the Glory of his Ancestors, by boasting himself the
Representative of their genuine Greatness.

In public Life, he affected to be the haughty Fomentor of Sedition;

In private, the little Tyrant of the Vassalage he introduced:
Without being nurtured in the Doctrines of a Republican System,
his Ambition led him to the public Execration of a

Monarchical Government;

Without a Conviction of the religious Errors he had adopted, he
consented to ingratiate himself with the Joint-leaders of his Party,
by abjuring a Mode of Faith that might have impeded his
Designs:

And having been for some Time distinguished as an ---- Senator,
died on the --- Day of ----, 179--, leaving the Purpose
of his Apostasy in Embryo.

On a Marble Monument, somewhat injured.

In the hallowed Grave beneath,
Set apart from an Association of Plebeian Dust, and uncontaminated
with the *post Mortem* Infection of City Knights, or
Country Esquires, lies the once puissant and
magnanimous

Sir R--t H-----,

General (and in Speculation) Generalissimo in the Army of
King Geo. III.

His Bravery was as unparalleled as his Death was luckless:
The Terrors of his Front commanded such a fix'd Attention,
That the Reverse of his Person was as invisible to the
Spectator as to himself.

To dwell no longer on the Transcendency of his heroic Qualities,
know, and record it to Posterity, gentle Passenger, that on the
ever to be regretted 25th of ----, 17---, he fell a Victim to the
Violence of his Amours.

Yet judge not harshly of his unfortunate Attachment;
He courted only *the Graces*, Ladies of so coy, and variable a
Disposition,

That his fairest Speeches could not seduce them to his Affections,
And by attempting to take unwarrantable Liberties, perished,
an Example of their Vengeance.

Near the West Entrance.

F---- D-ke of ----,

Advanced by a Series of unprecedented Occurrences, from a very
Cypher in Politics, to the highest Offices in Administration;
Disguised the narrow Selfishness of his Designs under the Semblance
of a disdainful Contempt for the Principles and
Conduct of his Colleagues in Office,
And sheltered the Errors of Timidity and Mis-information under
the Mask of Arrogance and Asperity.

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After

After having deluded the unsuspecting few, who were sincerely in
his Interests,

And treated the more circumspect with Insolence and Derision,
He retired from the Dangers his Duplicity had given Birth
to, leaving the World to declare the Odium of so
ignoble a Proceeding.

Thus stigmatized by Infidelity, he never regained the Confidence,
even of the Faction he cherished and promoted;
But disesteemed by the Natives of Britain, and held in utter De-
testation by those of the Colonists whom he had
treacherously imposed on,

He ----- on the 13th of May --- unlamented
in domestic Life, for he had ever made it subservient
to political Design;

Execrated as a Senator, for he had invariably disgraced the fairest
Professions with the meanest Diffimulation.

Bereft of the much-loved Power of Molestation
Lies, in unwilling Peace ---- Dowager C---s of M-----,
Possessed of a ferocity of Manners naturally potent, and cultivated
with a Degree of Assiduity less laudable than constant.
The usual Softness of her Sex was totally annihilated in the terrific
Intrepidity she assumed.

Blest with accumulated Power by the passive Indulgence of
Lord M---, she knew not how to stifle the Wildness
of her Ambition;

But, stimulated by the untamed Spirit of never-satisfied Vexation,
Laboured with Success through an almost inexplicable

Maze

Maze of Difficulties,
Till she became a Widow.

A Prey to Discontent, and weary of undisputed Dominion,
The Dissatisfaction she then experienced prompted her to select
an Object in Mr. H..... on whom she might
effectually vent her long-collected Malice ;

But the Genius of Compassion, sensible of his Worth
and Sufferings,

Made Interest for the Re-establishment of his lost Felicity,
And prevailed on Death to untie the Knot, by relieving Mr.
H—— from the future Obligations of a Husband.

Her Ladyship expired on the 29th of August 178— by the
Bursting of a Blood-vessel, in the rigorous Exertion
of the Privileges annexed to ——.

The subjoined Inscription was penned by an intimate
Friend of the Deceased ; but owing to a more than
ordinary Severity on the Part of his G——'s Creditor's,
was never put in the Hands of a Carver, being con-
sidered as an unnecessary Article in the Expences of
his G. 's Funeral.

B——, Duke of ——,
Immersed in Dissipation, knew not an Inclination
Which he forbore to gratify.
Contempt and Wretchedness
Closed the Train of Dishonor, Riot, and Sensuality.

He

He lamented his Mistake, without reforming his Conduct;
And having lived a tyrannical Husband, and an insincere Friend,
Died an Exile, and a Mendicant.

In a private Chapel.

Herein are interred

The consecrated Remains of Edm...d B...ke, Esq.
At once the Tool, and Leader of a Party, which feared to entrust
him with too visible an Authority,
Lest he should rule them with Despotism, or put a Period to
their Existence,

By violating the Interests he sanctified.

The Extent of his Abilities was more than equal to the
Subject of his Deliberations.

His Eloquence was commanding, his Language calm and dis-
passionate; and the Correctness of his Information
scrupulously severe.

With every Requisite to form the finished Statesman,
he consented for a Succession of Years
To look forward to the Acquisition of Dignities, which he
might, at any Period, have commanded with Success.
His Parliamentary Conduct in the Year 1780 procured him the
Admiration of the more discerning Part of Men, though (with
respect to his Sentiments on religious Toleration) it
biassed the Multitude to a Distrust of
his Sincerity.

He lost his Popularity on the Return of a General E.....

But by modelling his Principles, according to the Spirit of
Men and Measures,
Recovered the public Veneration, and in a Change of Admi-
nistration, did Honor to the Councils of a young
and cautious P

On a superb Monument of polished Marble.

Here lies the Body
Of — Earl C

Who, unanimated with a Desire of imitating the Virtues of
his Progenitors, and heedless of the Mention which might
be made of him hereafter, preferred the Gratification of the
present Moment to an honorable Immortality; and indulged
the Sallies of ungoverned Licentiousness, without the Inter-
ruption of Reflection or Regret: He discovered at his early
Period an Irksomeness in Matrimony, which no lucrative
Considerations could induce him to relish; and lest the Ele-
gance of his Person should captivate the Affections of the fair
Sex, without a Prospect of Release, administered a Remedy
in the Profligacy of his Life, which checked the Disorder in
its Infancy. An unexpected Summons in the Vigor of his
Youth deprived him of the Wish to reflect, while the Seeds
of Caution were yet in Embryo.

He died with the Hope of benefiting Mankind by the Issue of
his Indiscretions,

Though he had not Time or Resolution to renounce Obedience
to their insinuating Allurements.

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In grateful Testimony of the Virtues she possessed,
 This Marble Monument is erected to — C—fs of Ab...don,
 By her surviving and sincerely afflicted Lord,
 Who, in her Life, valued not the inestimable Blessing he enjoyed,
 And in her Death, wishes, but in vain, to obliterate
 the Remembrance of the Felicities he rejected.
 She was a Pattern to her Sex in every Virtue that could adorn
 the most finished Accomplishments of Mind and Person;
 The most affectionate Daughter, the fondest Wife, the most
 indulgent Mother, the devoutest Christian,
 the sincerest Friend.

Her Charities were rather felt than known :
 Her tenderness prompted her to anticipate by the most diligent
 Enquiry the Woes she wished to heal;
 And to relieve them, with the most refined Benevolence.
 Her loss was deplored by all; by none with more heart-felt
 Sorrow than the Widow and the Orphan, whom she
 considered as the justest Claimants on the
 Humanity she exercised.

In an obscure Corner.

Sir — — — —, B—p of — — — —,
 Was promoted to the Surprise of every one,
 Lived with the Reproaches of the virtuous Part of Mankind,
 And died without a Token of Affection even from the Few
 Who courted him in Pomp and Affluence.

At

At the Entrance of the Grand Chapel.

To the Memory

Of — O ne, Marquis of C
A Nobleman who, in an Age of Dissipation, preserved his
Honor and Integrity unspotted.

His political Conduct was ever directed by the Principles
of Virtue,

To the Detriment of his temporal Interests.

His Domestic Tranquillity, though disquieted, for a Moment, by
the Infidelity of a Woman, who merited the

Contempt she ever after experienced,

Returned to him, with new Charms in the Possession of — —.

The Virtues he possessed were consistent with the
Dignities he inherited.

A Foe to Servility,

He preserved a Grandeur in his most indifferent Actions;

Yet in his Converse with the World, tempered the Greatness of
his Sentiments with an engaging Condescension,
that procured him general Veneration.

On an Oaken Tablet.

Sculpture, lend not thy Assistance ;

Let a Plank, hewn from the Forests he inherited,

Record the Insignificance of

— B . . . ley, Lord M

Whose egregious Folly and inconsistent Prodigality had brought
him to utter Ruin, before they waked him from a shameless

Lethargy.

Lethargy, which his disappointed Heirs have never ceased
To lament in Torrents of Affliction.

This noble Peer, after having been Thrice declared an Ideot,
expired at the Age of 6— playing at Blindman's Buff with
Farmer ———'s Daughters at H——heath.

Fair Moralist !

Should an unwilling Sigh escape thy Breast,
In this Career of silent Contemplation,
Disdain not to prolong the tributary Sorrow
In Memory of her, who was once the loveliest of her Sex.

—— V——'s St . . m . . t ,

Knew not a Failing, but that of pardoning the Offences she
had been taught to shun with Indignation.

Severity, and even Indifference, she considered as the rigid
Daughters of Fiend-sprung Malevolence,

Base, and deformed, as the Mother who gave them Birth.

The Softness of her Temper was discovered in Incidents of the
smallest Moment, wherein the heavenly Sweetness of her

Person, and the captivating Condescension of
Her Manners, strived to outvie each other, in
commanding Love and Admiration.

She distinguished with her tenderest Affection, and honoured
with her Hand, a Nobleman worthy the Blessing she bestowed;

And as she possessed every Virtue in its purest Lustre while living,

So she consigned the Relic on her Death-bed,
to the D——'s of A . . . l ,

Who inherited every Sentiment of her much-loved Sister.

On

On a Silver Plate.

Here sleeps, who never slept before, one of the most distinguished,
because the most indefatigable of Mankind,

J--- M--n--s, Esq.

His waking Reflections, though big with Trouble and Anxiety,
were solacing to himself, by the comfortable Profits
which followed in their Train.

He was not, however, utterly insensible to the less potent Conveni-
ences of this transient Existence, though the *Ultimatum*
of his Desires was *Ready Cash*.

He knew the Value of a pretty Wife, and employed some *awkward*
Moments in studying her Happiness.

Death, angry that he wasted not a Thought on the Supremacy of
his Dominion, pilfered his Gold in the borrowed
Habit of a *Jew*; and after reducing him to a
State of perfect Phrenzy, strangled his
Fire-breathing Antagonist in Self-defence.

In a Nook of the Anti-chapel.

-----, E--l of ----,

Born to Dignities, knew not the Means whereby his Ancestors
acquired them, nor wished to perpetuate them with
Eclat to his Descendants;

He was a P--r, so wretchedly eccentric, that *take him all in all*,
'Tis to be hoped we shall not *see his Fellow*.

Boist'rous in his Manners, boorish in his Sentiments;

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Noto-

Notorious as a Profligate, unprincipled as a Debauchee ;
 Morose in private Life, contemptible in the Senate ;
 Deformed in Person as in Mind,
 He lived amongst the meanest of Mankind, in the lowest Species
 of Dissipation, and after having repeatedly mocked the
 Dangers of Boxing, Wrestling, Backsword, and
 Bludgeon-fighting, was recorded in the Advertiser of the
 Day to have been crushed to Death at a Bull-baiting
 near his Seat in—shire, on the 3d of May, 178—.

In the Grand Chapel.

In the peaceful *Haven*, where he ~~would~~ not be,
 After an unlooked-for Series of Revolutions, now *lieth at Rest*
 The Honorable C--- F-x ;
 Possessed of Judgement and Penetration to circumvent the Designs
 of those who, dreading the Superiority of his Talents,
 Sought to gratify their Resentment with an open Declaration
 of the Purpose they engaged in.
 His Abilities were naturally powerful, and improved by intense
 Application to the severest Studies.
 The Brilliancy of his Imagination was even surpassed by the
 Strength of Memory, which Nature had blessed him with.
 As a Politician, he availed himself of every Requisite
 which could form the finished Statesman :
 As a Leader in Opposition, he scrutinised the Conduct of Admi-
 nistration with a Warmth of Zeal that rendered him the
 chosen Object of Minist---l Vengeance.

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His Instability had been an Obstacle to the Line of Conduct his Interests chalked out for him.

A studied Course of Extravagance exposed him to Dangers which his Fortitude was equal to.

His Passions were violent, and the Gratification of them consulted without the Intermision of a Moment's Reflexion.

He despised the Principles of common Life, and shone even in his Closet.

Having, for a Succession of Years, been the Sport of every Change of Fortune, he died on the 18th of —, 18—;

after being married Three Weeks to

Lady —, who mourned his Loss with a Fortnight's Lamentation.

Molest not the scarcely crumbled Dust

Of the still dauntless Lady G ch :

She'll wake at the gentlest Touch, collect her separated Limbs even on a Whisper, and ring a Peal of Vengeance in your Ears that shall alarm the mould'ring Tenants of

every Sepulchre around her:

Her Partiality to this wayward Existence was so invigorated by

114 Years Residence above-ground, that when Death

(with all the Gentleness a Courtier could possess)

offered to tap her on the Shoulder,

She turned indignant, upbraided him with Barbarity to

her dear C T d, and maintained a

Siege of Thirteen Years against this

Second Enemy to Man and Woman Kind.

The

The puzzled Veteran, admiring her Audacity,
But eager to enroll her on his Records, sent an Emissary,
Godson to Cupid, to finish the Attack——
She wedded a Third Husband, and breathed her last,
In his dear, very dear Embraces,
On the Third of August, 18—.

In the Grand Chapel.

Wish not to recall the Soul, which by its spotless Purity
Hallowed the inanimate Limbs herein deposited:
The lifeless Resident, whose Loss this Stone laments,
Was once Sir W de G . . . ,*
A Man whose Virtues were esteemed a public Blessing,
Whose Death was deservedly regretted as a general Calamity.
His Worth was equally conspicuous in every Period of Life:
As a Youth, he possessed Honor, tempered with Benevolence
and Sweetness of Manners:
When more advanced in Years, he made Integrity the Bias of
his Actions, and the Interest of Mankind the dearest
Object of his Ambition.
In the Decline of Life, he still improved the World by cherish-
ing the most exalted Sentiments in private, and promoting
the Dignity of Virtue and Religion within the
public Sphere of his Authority.
As a Christian, he was admired with Veneration;
As a Man, he was beloved with Sincerity;
As a Judge, revered with Gratitude;
He died, oppressed only with a Weight of Years, on the — of —, 18—

To

* Now Lord W g . . . m.

To transmit, with some Degree of Certainty, to
 Centuries hereafter,
 The Memory of one, whose Name was lost in the Depths
 of Oblivion,
 In the Moment that his mortal Part was committed to the Grave,
 Some chosen few of Rank and Property in the County of S. . . .
 Have erected this Monument of Triumph to the Right,
 though strangely honourable
 Lord ———,
 Descended from a very worthy Family, the intrinsic Splendor of
 whose Virtues lost a considerable Portion of its genuine
 Lustre, when obscured by the dark Shades
 Which constituted no inferior Part of his L . . dship's Character.
 The Disguise, with which he attempted to conceal his
 Unworthiness, was of a Texture so superlatively wretched,
 That his most partial Intimates saw through the
 flimsy Veil, with bold and unanswerable
 Conviction, at the very Moment when they wished
 themselves Strangers to his Foibles.
 His cool Indifference of Temper protected him,
 to the Astonishment of all who knew him, under
 the Pressure of a Variety of Calamities.
 Ridiculed as a public Spectacle for Merriment,
 Insulted as an Object of Contempt,
 He suffered not beneath the seeming Yoke, but *grinned a ghastly*
Smile of enviable Serenity.
 This strange Career of the most perfect Apathy
 That has been yet recorded of one not totally a Misanthropist,
 was, however, finally closed by a Death equally
 H ignominious

ignominious with the Life that preceded it.
 The noble C — — — r of the — — — expired at an Association
 Feast near G . . f . . d, in the memorable Attempt of
 Blasting the Reputation of Two of his Cousin's Constituents
 by vociferously d . . mning the noxious Quality
 of their Venison.

To the Memory of
 Lord Viscount M . . . sw . . th,
 Who, through a Spirit of Rivalship and Emulation, attempted,
 on the 12th of September, 178—, to drive a Phaëton
 and Six, *in Hand*, Seventeen Miles beyond *Cambridge*,
 and broke his Neck near the *Gog-magog* Hills.
 He was the Second Connoisseur in Horse-flesh in the known
 World, though *his Modesty* prevented him from carrying on
 a *Correspondence* with other Adepts in that truly
 honourable Science.

— Dow. C — — fs of L
 From a Family-failing (as it is vulgarly reported) treated with
 the most sovereign Contempt and Insolence, a Nobleman
 who, though he had fallen a Victim to her Hypocrisy,
 exerted Spirit enough to chastise her Offences in
 the very Instant that he bade adieu to
 Life and Infelicity.
 Her Settlement was such, that to a vain and ambitious Woman,
 The

The Gratifications it afforded, were cruel and insulting:
Resolving therefore rather to die in Bondage than live in an
Obscurity she judged incompatible with an
honourable Widowhood,

She lingered (after — Years Round of the most unpardonable
Extravagance) in a private Receptacle for —, unpitied
by those of her Creditors who had remembered —.

In the Grand Chapel.

Consecrated to the Memory of

Lord Geo... G.r...ne,

Who, by an unwearied Perseverance in the Discharge of a
public Trust, baffled the Malevolence of Fortune, and crushed
in the Impotency of their Malice the Designs of those
Men, who endeavoured to efface an irreproachable Conduct
of Twenty Years, by calling to Remembrance, in its most
odious View, the criminal, though not inexpressible,

Error of 175—.

Born to those Virtues which his Father so eminently possessed,
he concealed them from general Admiration by a sullen
Dignity of Manners, constant even in Retirement.

In valuing the Glory of his Ancestors, he was unable to separate
the Honors they had inherited, and striving to perpetuate
the one, he could not avoid cherishing too public
a Veneration for the flattering Distinctions
of the other.

Animated from his earliest Years with the Spirit of Uncontroul,
And

And nursed in the Foibles his Passions too readily adopted,
he offended repeatedly in private, to the sincere
Concern of others, *once* in the Field to
the Anguish of himself.

Branded with the Imputation of Cowardice, he lost the
Reputation he had wished to earn, as a Commander,
without the Means of ever rising superior to
the Censures he had incurred.

As a Statesmen, he exhibited a more flattering Portrait ; though
to the Moment of his Death he never escaped the sarcastic
Reflections of a few, who were sensible neither
to Honor or Humanity, when actuated
by Interest.

Here lie the Remains
of — St....pe, Earl of Ch.....d.

His strange Inconsistency of Character protected him from
universal Ill-will ;

His Conduct, in one unhappy Instance, where Mercy pleaded
to his tenderest Feelings, would shade a larger Display
of Virtues, than his dearest Friends can say,
he had the Inclination to cultivate,

In the prevalent Hopes of a total Annihilation,
Rests Edw..d G.b..n, Esq.

A Man possessed of Talents, which, when called forth in the
Service

Service of his Country, shone with a Lustre that obscured
the mean Abilities of his Colleagues in Office ;
When engaged in the ungrateful Task of invalidating the
Dignity of Religion, and imposing on the Credulity of
Men, who embrace with Eagerness every
specious Opinion that tends to
correct what is stiled the Prejudices of Faith,
For a Moment dazzled the Beholder, with an idle Glare that
vanished at the more steady Gaze of conscious Truth,
and bold Integrity :
His Judgment was mature, his Conceptions strong, his
Reasonings seldom to be controverted, even with the
Appearance of Success.
His Exuberance of Genius, and Fire of Imagination insured a
Confidence of Victory in Difficulties, to the Scale even
of extraordinary Abilities, almost inextricable.
He lived in incessant Action, and died a Bigot to the Errors he
had adopted from the precipitate Rashness of his Decisions.

In a Chapel dedicated to King Charles II.

Pr'ythee, gentle Passenger, sing a *Requiem* to the departed Fair,
Who dwells full Sixteen Fathom deep in the dark and
lonesome Dungeon below Stairs.
She was once brisk and lively like yourself, and happy to discharge
a like Commission for any of her Intimates, whom she
had known and valued in the upper World.

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Kind

Kind Reader, if thou art a Gentleman, suffer not the dying
Words of a now breathless Fair-one to pass unheeded.

Remember her Benevolence when living,
Her unexampled Tenderneſs and Compaſſion;
The Relief ſhe could afford, even Vagrants ſhared.
Centuries to come ſhall teſtify her Generoſity.

Yet, with an Aſſemblage of Virtues, that were expreſſive of the
fineſt Feelings,

Lady C Sp on the 14th of M— 178—
Fell a Sacrifice to the preſumptuous Folly of *wearing Breeches*:
An illegitimate of *Diana's* diſguiſed *en habit de chaſſe* took her for
Mr. — of the *Oxford Hunt*, and finding the Miſtake,
Hoſe-whipped her to Death before Lord Ch s could
amble to her Aſſiſtance.

On a Pillar of Black Marble.

A juſt Emblem of human Mortality.

Here lies

In lamentable Plight

— T Earl of W,

Who on the 20th of Auguſt 178— endeavouring to impede the
Flight of his eldeſt D—r, thought fit and convenient to
poſe his unwieldy Carcaſe on an old battered Family-wall,
(a Rendezvous in the purpoſed *Route*) and ſuffering himſelf to
be agitated too violently with parental Tenderneſs and Cau-
tion, loſt his Hold, by which Means the noble Earl dropped
irrecoverably *ex Equilibrio* and fractured his Skull, to the no
ſmall

small — of the young Couple, who were now left to consummate the Marriage Ceremony without farther Molestation. On opening the Brain of the Deceased, it was discovered to have been in an unsound State ever since the Year 174—. A very dangerous Contusion appeared to have been received in one of the Summer Months 177—.

In the Grand Chapel.

— B—p of —,

One of the truest *Shots* within Sixty Miles of — Palace, for a Period of Thirty Years never parted with a Bird, either of his own killing, or his Chaplains.

His Advancement to the See of —, which had never before dignified one so little worthy of inheriting its Possessions, Gave the less affluent Clergy Reason to hope for an Alteration in his Sentiments.

Their Prospects were, however, soon clouded.

His L..dship died as he had lived, a zealous Partisan of the Rich, An Oppressor of the Poor, and a rigid Foe to Benevolence and Liberality.

To acquaint After-ages with the Splendor of his Rank and Abilities,
This Monument of public Respect

Was erected on the — of —, 1820, to the Memory of
W M y Earl of M . . . f . . . d,

Who

Who, rendered illustrious by the Greatness of Mind,
Which distinguished him as a Peer of Eng . . . d,
And conscious of the Dignity with which he discharged for a
Period of Years, an Office laborious, and truly honourable,
Valued neither the Murmurs of designing Enemies, nor the
Tumults of declared Traitors to the Happiness of a
British Constitution.

Records, more permanent than the Marble which acknowledges
his unrivalled Worth; have consigned to the Admiration
of Ages yet unlooked-for, a Testimony of the
Sweetness of his Manners, and the Powers
of his Eloquence.

The Flowers of Poetry, culled with the delicate Profusion of
Magnificence, and ranged with Simplicity and Ornament,
were a just Tribute to his Youth.

Let the Dictates of Truth, biaffed only by Sincerity, pay equal
Homage to the maturer Glories of Years, more regretted
for their near Approach to the Close of Life, as
they were more revered for the Counsels
they established, and the Interests
they made secure.

His Candor and Moderation were as exemplary as his Decisions
were honourable and valid. In allowing the Sufferer to advance
every Plea, that might give Sanction to his Conduct,
he observed a nice and invariable Mean
betwixt indiscriminate Mercy
and rigid Justice.

His domestic Diffensions were a grand Cause of his zealous
Attachment to public Concerns.

They

They rendered him in private Life a careless Husband, in the
Courts of Law an indefatigable Judge.

Both snatched from Life in the self-same Moment,
In paying the customary *Devoirs* of a short Embrace;
Lieut. Gen. and Lady C J
Lie buried in one spacious Tomb,
Convenient for —, should they revive with Cordiality and
Affection, wide enough for the most rigid Separation
should they quarrel.
He was more than an equal Match for *Princes*, Potentates, and
Powers; she would not have founded a Retreat had
the D — l himself been arrayed against her.
The General had seen least Service.
The Medusæan Puissance of her Tongue no sooner played off
its Artillery, than the discomfited Warrior stood aghast,
motionless and dumb.
Death, kind even in the Desolation he distributes, was concerned
for their Dissentions, and seeing them drinking Chocolate,
with more than ordinary Indifference, on the
28th of July 17— levelled *one* Arrow,
and shot them *sipping*.

Hon. ———
——— of ———

Oppressed with Calamities, and acknowledging his ——— to preside
at the ——— in the Sorrow of his Heart, complained to his Lady,
who, instead of administering Comfort to his Affliction, swore
she'd assist the ———, and pull his ——— about his Ears, if
he did not give her full Power of ——— and ——— as she
pleased. His ———, though he had never discovered
a Spark of R . . . gion in his promised Persecutrefs,
feared her Interest with Lord ——— might
be greater than he conjectured, and of Two
Evils wisely chose the least. Dissatisfied
however with Half a Blessing Mrs. ———
got a *Recipe* from Mr. G—ths,
and ——— on the ———

Day of

17

In Gratitude to the Virtues he possessed,
This Monument of their unsullied Integrity was erected with a
Zeal becoming the Dignity of his Life, and the
Sincerity of his Professions,
To perpetuate with Esteem and Veneration,
The Memory of Sir H H . gh . . . n, Bart.
Who, in the Year 1780, scorning the Depredations of an insolent
and undisciplined Rabble, and viewing with Contempt the
mean Artifices, whereby the Representatives of G—
B—t—n

B—t—n secured their Interests with an injudicious Body of El . ct . rs (in a well-grounded Confidence that the Up— H— would indubitably annul the seeming Liberality of their Decisions) dared openly avow the Principles he had ever rigorously adhered to, and demanded the Privilege of a Toleration in favor of a R . . . gion, the Tenets of which he, at the same Moment, declared indefensible.

So amiable an Instance of the most approved Benevolence was not the Result of an Attachment to Party, or the Indulgence of an untoward Inclination.

His Life had been ever a rigid Example of the worthiest Sentiments formed by mature Reflection, and supported on the Basis of Honor and Fidelity.

Lord Viscount ———

Was born on the — Day of — 17—

Set sail for A ca on the — of —

Returned (at the Public Expence) on the —

And died, out of Love and Compliment to his B—, on the 14th of March 179—.

Honorable Sir ———

Relying on the Splendor of an honorable Ancestry, disdained to rival the Virtues of his Progenitors :

His Soul was a Stranger to Ambition, and biased only by Views of private Emolument.

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In his Thirst for —— he protracted Events which would have
 added Glory to his Name.
 Eager to possess, he forgot that only public Approbation sanctifies
 the Enjoyment of public Acquisitions.
 After being —— from ——, and resigning the Order of the ——,
 he lived —— Years in Retirement, and died on the ——
 of —— in undisturbed Obscurity.

Indulge the Tribute of a pitying Tear,
 In kind Remembrance of her who was once the fair, the blooming
 Lady V———s T.....d,
 Born and educated without the Prospect of rising beyond the
 Level of Mediocrity,
 She cultivated the sincerest Charms that could assist in finishing
 a Model of the loveliest Perfection.
 The Elegance of her Attractions captivated the Heart, while the
 artless Innocence of her Conversation improved the Felicity
 of those who gazed on the soft Lustre of her
 Beauties with Rapture and Admiration.
 The Nobleman she was *induced* to espouse, kept guard over the
 Treasure he possessed, with a Warmth of Affection that did
 Honor to her Virtues,
 Though it robbed her of that unsuspected Freedom of Sentiment
 which Youth and Beauty part from with Reluctance.
 She lived beloved without Jealousy by the Young and Gay,
 admired without Envy by the more rigid of her Sex, and
 distinguished with Tokens of sincere Veneration
 from all who knew the Refinement of her
 Accomplishments.

* F H d, Earl of C fle,
Blended the most endearing Virtues with the Foibles
of the Age he lived in :

With a Mind, prompt to receive every Impression, that engaged
Attention, either by the Flattery it offered, or the Novelty it
exhibited,

He foresaw not the Indiscretions he had been guilty of, till he
lamented their Consequence, and found himself the Victim of
Design, from having refused to be considered the
Pupil of Suspicion.

His Abilities were splendid and improved to the latest Moments
of his Life, by an uninterrupted Application to Science
in its largest Extent.

The Rapidity of his Conceptions was equalled only by the nice
Arrangement of his Arguments, and the Correctness of
his Judgment scarcely surpassed by his unassuming
Power of Elocution, and the well-adjusted
Ornaments of his Language.

As a Man he possessed Honor and Benevolence, as a Father the
fondest Affection, as a Husband the most rigid Constancy.

As a Statesman he had Address and Discernment, as an Advocate
for Administration the most persuasive Eloquence ;

Yet, in the OEconomy of his Houshold he was profuse without
Magnificence ; in the Elegance of his Person vain and
inconsiderate, without attaining to the Medium
of just Refinement.

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To

* Now L--d L-----t of I-----d.

To the Memory of Lord G——
 This Monument,
 Erected chiefly by the Contributions of those who purchased
 his *Stud*,
 Speaks all his Virtues, for it presents the Reader — with a Void.

Had not the Honor of his Bed been sullied,
 The World could never have been acquainted, that he had a
 vulnerable Part about him;
 Such was the Baseness of his Sentiments, and the Ferocity of
 his Manners.
 His Lordship on the 29th of — 178—, eager to establish the
 Reputation of a Filly under Weight, at Newmarket, mounted
 her in Person, to preserve the necessary Balance, and agreeing
 previously to take all possible Advantages, was knocked down
 with the Butt-end of a Horse-whip, by Lord ——'s Jockey,
 and expired in a few Minutes, to the infinite Regret of the
 Knowing-ones, who were effectually taken in.

* C.... E.... of S.....
 After having passed — Years in the most wretched Profligacy,
 banished himself even from the Presence of his Children, that
 he might reflect with more secluded Earnestness on the Igno-
 miny of his past Life. Stigmatized with the Reproaches of
 Mankind, and forsaken by the few who had been accessory
 to his Misconducts, he found no Consolation in Grandeur,

* Deceased since the First Edition was printed.

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no Happiness in the Affluence he inherited; but Self-condemned to Exile, lingered out the Bondage to which he fled, in the gloomy Horrors of unrepenting Despair.

Fettered, beyond the Ability to escape,
 And snug in the *leaden* Confinement of the Coffin she shuddered
 to anticipate, lies the still buxom
 Dowager C—— of H. r . . . g t . n ,
 Who, after ridiculing the Notions of Monumental Imprisonment
 for —— Years, found herself unusually affected with a
 Prescience of the dark Doom to which the Omnipotence
 of Death has sentenced her, on the Third of
 June 178—.
 Her Fears were for Fourteen Months as predominant as one
 could reasonably expect, though they seldom deprived
 her of the Sum Total of her Faculties.
 When the deceased Lord H—— was mentioned she could not
 however command the Violence of her Feelings, but laughed
 repeatedly, though the Agitations of her fore-boding Mind
 were cogent enough to stifle the Renewal of any
 moderate Passion.
 When she heard the Name of General C——, she thanked her
 Stars *that she had known him*; and again she wished *she*
had not known him.
 In this Maze of Inconsistencies her Ladyship preserved an
embonpoint that surprized every one who beheld
 the Phrensy which possessed her;
 The bewitching Rotundity of her Physiognomy remained
 unwasted,

unwasted, and her Health appeared to have suffered
no visible Decay till the First of May 179—;
When, on receiving Information of ——'s Death, she exclaimed,
Good Heavens! and expired without a Groan.

To the Memory of
—— Dowager C——s of Cha.....,

A Lady more *au fait* in the Art of accommodating little Difficulties than any Woman of her Age. After disposing of her Person, for the first Time, rather to please her Husband than herself, she judged it but a reasonable Liberty to choose *sans Reservoir* the second Time for her own Interest and Satisfaction. Major M.... charmed her; Mrs. M.... was an Obstacle: One generous Expedient was still at Lady C——'s Command: She embraced it, and all former Contracts were declared invalid.

Her Ladyship, after struggling with a few Inconveniences, which her Perseverance was more than equal to, died on the 30th of — 179—, in a good old Age, admired for the *Finesse* and Intrepidity which so eminently distinguished her.

In a Vault beneath,
Entomb'd with every Solemnity due to his distinguished
Character in Life,
Lies the once-animated Corpse of Lord G..... G...d.n,
A Nobleman less circumspect than zealous in his Attachments,
more rash, than judicious in the Prosecution of his Designs;

His

His Mind was alternately a Residence for the most splendid
 Virtues, a Shelter for the most incoherent Foibles ;
 Unfortunate in the — he inherited, the Ascendancy of his
 Inclinations discovered itself at a Period when it might have
 been checked by Counsel, though not reduced by Violence.
 Educated in Notions, by no means the most tolerant, and a
 Slave to the Sentiments he once adopted, he eagerly
 imbibed the Spirit of the People with whom
 he had lived, and became an Enthusiast
 from Principle.

To accommodate his Opinions to the Genius of present
 Circumstances, was a Maxim he utterly abhorred.
 The indignant Fervor of his Soul prompted him to persecute
 while he reformed, and avenge the Cause of Reason and
 Justice, by utterly eradicating such Errors as he
 deemed wilful and unworthy.

Such were his Motives, and such the public Avowal of his
 Intention at ——— Tavern in ———.

The Scene which succeeded, brought almost to Remembrance
 The wretched Carnage of the 15th Century.

But the execrable Depredations of a lawless Banditti were
 a Means for the Requisition of Redress, far different
 from that he would have pointed out.

He lamented the Breach of Tranquility he had been so
 instrumental to, and blessed the Mercy of his
 Judges when they declared him unconvicted of the
 t . . . sonable Offences laid to his Charge.

Clasp'd in each other's Arms,
 Without the Means, unless of a mouldering Separation,
 Sleep in soft Amity, who never loved while living,
 Sir G — — — and Lady — — —.

He possessed few Accomplishments of Mind, ——— of Person none. A professed Antipathy, and a studied Ill-humour seemed to have so rigid a Predominance over every Action of his Life, that, to an indifferent Companion, much more so to his W——, his Manners and Conversation were insufferably odious. Some Weeks before the 14th of June 178——, the Moroseness of his Disposition appeared to have forsaken him. He could eat, drink, and sleep much like another Man. His Friends were alarmed beyond Measure — The Faculty gave little Hopes—— and as Lady ——— and her Acquaintance suspected, Sir ——— died about Midnight, in a Fit of such sweet Serenity, that it is thought if he had recovered, he would have shewn himself a different Creature ever after.

Blessed by Nature with a Pair of bewitching Eyes, which animated a Person by no Means *mal-arrangée*, she ventured on the wide World, in full Confidence of the good Fortune which usually attends such happy Omens. Pleased with the Attentions of Sir ———, and unimpressed by the luckless Precedent, exhibited in the Life of her fair and amiable Predecessor, she consented, on being admitted a Partner in his Fortune, to run the Risque of his Esteem. The Appearance of Things was justified in the Event; Disgust took Place on her Side, Satiety on his, and sovereign Contempt was exchanged on an equal Balance from either Party. The Knot was however indissoluble. Her Schemes and his Wishes were frustrated by an unexpected Decision in Favor of each other's firmest Fidelity.

On becoming a Widow, her Ladyship grew, on a sudden, insensible to every Thing about her, and after lingering Twenty-three Days in a State of the most mortifying Stupor, died on the 16th of Nov. 179——, without being able to explain the Occasion of the Calamity she laboured under.

Like

Like a Gibbet, erected on the Road Side,
To deter the unthinking Passenger from following an evil Course
of Life,

This Marble Record of a Misfortune as unforeseen as sudden,
Warns the yet un-reflecting Libertine, who may have stept
(through a Motive of Curiosity) from the Chambers of De-
bauchery to those of Contemplation.

Sir J . . . L . . .

After being plundered of Wealth and Reputation, by Knaves the
most unprincipled, and Women the most abandoned, fell
from a Phaeton which he had himself constructed on
a new Mode, and was trampled on by his
own Horses.

He lived to regret the Opportunities he had lost of doing Service
to Mankind, and admonished the Companions of his Distress
to value the Lesson they received in the Issue of his Indiscretions.

On a splendid Monument, decorated with Emble-
matical Figures.

The Permanence of Marble, or the Aid of Sculpture,
Shall not alone perpetuate the Lustre of a Name, which Ages,
yet unborn, shall be taught to revere with Love and Gratitude.

R L Bishop of L

Distinguished, in his earliest Infancy, for the Loveliness of his
Manners, and the Refinement of his Understanding, cultivated
every Virtue that could adorn the genuine Perfection of
his Mind, and studied every Embellishment that

could

could add Mildness to the Splendor of
his Erudition.

His Conduct was directed to the Benefit, his Wishes formed
for the universal Happiness of Mankind.
In his Episcopal Dignity he found Occasions for gratifying his
Ambition, and embraced them.

As a Patron, as a Father, as a Friend, he was beloved
with Veneration :

As a Writer, unrivalled in the Age he lived in.
The Cabinets of the learned record the Greatness of his Talents,
and the inestimable Value of his improved Researches
into mysterious Knowledge ;

The still recent Instances of his Benignity need no Testimonies
to immortalize their Worth.

His Lordship, on the Death of ——— was exalted to the ——— of
—— and died on the — of — without having incurred a
Censure, during a Life of — Years, from the
most licentious of Mankind,

To the Memory of

C..... J...k...son, Esq.

Who, after discharging the Duties of every Office in
Administration with *Eclat*, became at length ———, and
retired with the Satisfaction of having eclipsed the
good Fortune of his Predecessors for Three
successive Reigns.

His

His Conduct was exemplary, as a Man ; as a Minister, his Abilities were the Subject of general Admiration.

In the Dawn of his Felicity he had few Friends ; in the Plenitude of Power, and the Retirement which succeeded, fewer Enemies.

Lord Viscount W h,

Was never so envelopped in the Minister, as to lose Sight of the Man.

His Inclinations for a Series of Years were so truly harmless, that they never prompted him to do Good or Evil ; Possessed of an honest well-meaning Good-humour he implicitly confided in his official Agents to the Neglect of the public Interest and his own.

His Retirement from the Sec—ship of State was the first Instance he discovered of a *self-evident* Certainty that he had ever held it.

His Lordship died on the Third of July 179—, in a Fit of Laughter on seeing his Colleague Lord — do Penance for his Offences at — Cross.

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At

At the Entrance of a private Cloister.

To the Ignominy of her,
Who, after disgracing the name of —, rejected that of —,
and courted with shameless Avidity the nominal Distinction of
— of —,

Is this Monument erected by one, who valued the amiable
— whom she dare make the criminal Tool of
her insolent Ambition.

Her Life, like her Manners, was a wretched Composition of
every Thing disgraceful.

The fair Form Nature had endowed her with, she disdained to
value even with the outward Guise of Chastity;

She fell a Sacrifice, on the Third of October 178—,

To the Resentment of —:

Three Ruffians, engaged for the Purpose, wounded her in several
Places, and being discovered, impeached their Abettor, but
without any Molestation to his Person.

Here lies the Body of

— C Earl of B . ll t,

A Man,

A Man, whose Virtues had been recorded with Honor to Posterity,
Had they kept Pace with his Comeliness or his Bravery.

The Fire of his Indignation became a Vice,
When it sought to revenge only a supposed Affront ;
Yet the Languor of his Distress made him an Object of Com-
passion with the Ladies, who have ever a View to the Person,
when they extol the Soul, and he died, as he had lived, with
the Reputation of Gallantry and Spirit.

Mr. W . y, Successor to the Right Honorable

— B . . tie, Earl of A

From a tender Respect to the Memory of so distinguished a No-
bleman, and so eminent a Patriot, has erected this Stone as a
Token of his Gratitude and Veneration. His Lordship, amidst
a Multitude of Foibles, possessed the nicest Sense of Honor,
and in his Commerce with the more base and designing Part
of Mankind, acted on Principles of genuine Sincerity. His
Indiscretions, however they might have impaired his Fortune,
did not indicate a Depravity of Heart. He had the Feelings
of a Father, though he attended not to the temporal Interests
of his Children, and preserved the *Eclat* due to his Rank and
Dignity, though a Stranger to the OEconomy necessary to
transmit them with the same Splendor to his Posterity. A
Spirit of Opposition animated him on every Occasion, whe-
ther he arraigned the Conduct of Ministers in the Senate, or
of Jockies on the Course. To the *Cacoethes* of being ever in
Action, he owed the greatest Share of his Misfortunes. To
the Blessings of domestic Peace, he was indebted for a Miti-
gation

gation of his most pungent Distresses. Having no Son to inherit his Estates, he considered accumulated Wealth as an unnecessary Appendage to the Charms of Two amiable Daughters, who possessed their Mother's loveliest Virtues, without the Frailties of their Father.

His Lordship, after retiring on the Wreck of —ool. a Year, grew enamored with the Happiness of a sequestered Life, as he became more sensible of Lady A——'s inestimable Worth, and died at — on ——— 181—, with far greater Serenity than he had lived.

To the Memory of

R R . gby, Esq..

An able Statesman, without the Affectation of Abilities,
or the Insolence of Office;

A social Friend, without the Insincerity or the Reserve of Greatness;

A professional Minister, cautious without Pusillanimity,
Zealous without Ostentation,

And admired even by those who declared his Merits inadequate
to the Emoluments of the Post he enjoyed.

On a plain Black Stone.

M Earl of

Vexed beyond Relief at the Remembrance of past Misconducts,

And robbed of every Inch of landed Property, but the

Grave he resides in;

Wisely

Wisely determined to *set foot*, where no one might dispute the Authenticity of his Title, or claim a prior Right from the Validity of Contracts;

And — on the 16th of Sept. 17—, to the inexpressible Mortification of a Multitude of hungry Creditors, who, like *the Eagles*, wherever HIS LORDSHIP *was*, *were gathered together*.

In the Grand Chapel.

Sacred to the Name and Memory
of the Honorable Aug....s K..... Adm...l of the —
Whose Abilities and Intrepidity were never called in Question,
even by the meanest and most dastardly of State Incendiaries,
Till the shrewd Policy of a French Commander, with
the Gasconade that inseparably followed,
Rendered the Vigor of his Measures suspected, and the Fidelity
of his Professions doubted by those, whom the Malevolence
of private Pique made the public Champions of
injured Virtue.

The Decision of Men,
Uninterested in their Determinations,
Restored him to the genuine Estimation of a People,
Who saw through the vain Pretext, that M——rs had adopted
to vilify his Character.
He passed through Life with that un sullied Honor which had
distinguished the earliest Testimonies of his Ambition, and
died on the — of — 180—, universally lamented,
as he had been universally esteemed.

Embassadors of Scandal,
 Bewail the Loss ye have experienced in the Death and Burial
 of — first, though not the most beloved Wife
 of L.g.....r, Earl L.g.....r,
 A Lady so Dove-like in the Temper of her Constitution, that
 she granted, without the Preliminaries of Entreaty, every
 Indulgence which the most lawless Inclination
 could suggest.

Her Duty to Lord R—, and her Affection for Lord L— were
 ineffectual Barriers, where the Tyranny of her Desires van-
 quished every Obstacle that could maintain a Moment's Com-
 petition on the Side of Virtue.

Her Ladyship, after giving Proofs of the most extravagant Apo-
 stacy from Chastity and Good-manners, sought to retrieve her
 Character in the Arms of an honest Shoemaker, who, for a
 Course of Years, strapped her into the most rigid Obedience.
 The incorrigible Impurity of her Sentiments was however
 still above *Par*. On Jobson's Death she became an humble
 Suppliant to a Life-dragoon, but being detected in a Repetition
 of her former Offences, was drummed out of the Regiment,
 and died in a few Months after in the Service of Lord F—.

S..... B.....ngt.n, Bishop of L.....ff,
 Was possessed of numerous Accomplishments, displayed with
 every possible Advantage in the Elegance of his Person, and
 the Brilliancy of his Manners.

His

His Abilities, were beyond Mediocrity, though inadequate to the Reliance he bestowed on them in the Scale of his Conduct.

His Projects were rarely attended with Success:
Vain of the Attractions he possessed in his Youth, he attempted Conquests far beyond the Level he was destined to support; Flattered by the World, and prejudiced by Self-estimation, at a more advanced Period he concerted Plans which he had neither Genius to execute, or Interest to promote.
His Lordship died on the 17th of May 179—, no less happy in the Qualifications, than fond of the Dignities, which had so eminently distinguished him.

In the Grand Chapel.

R E A D E R,

In the Name of P...tt, Lord C...d.n,
Recognize rather the Virtues which exalted him,
Than the Titles which ennobled his Posterity.
Amidst the Violence of Dissention, and the Discord of Party
Animosities, he remained inflexible.
Esteeming the Post he held unworthy the mean Artifices of
political *Finesse*,
He chose rather to retire with Integrity than become
the disgraceful Instrument of Measures he abhorred.
Sincerely lamenting the short-lived Glories of his Suc.....r,
and viewing with a Mixture of Horror and Compassion the
Danger which he had perhaps escaped, his Lordship found
that:

that Serenity in Retirement, which a virtuous Resignation can alone experience, and died on the — of ——— regretted, as he had been revered.

In a private Chapel, belonging to the Family,
consecrated to Saint Francis.

To the merry Memory of F..... D..... Lord Le D.....
The most careless, and perhaps the most facetious Libertine
of his Age :

He was never known to have corrected one Error, or to have been
reclaimed from one Vice, he had once determined to indulge.
His Residence in Town and Country was a *Rendezvous* for the
choicest Geniuses of the Reign he lived in :

Having no Religion of his own, he never enquired into the
Principles of others; and being unable to hit on any moral
System thoroughly adapted to his Taste, he
considered the Manners of every Man,
whether W..kes, Lord S.....ch,
or P..l Wh.....d, as unexceptionable.

His Notions were peculiar to himself, and originated from a
Species of Good-humour highly commendable, though it
has not obtained, universally, with the less
eccentric Part of Mankind.

He built Abbies, consecrated Churches, and dug Caverns,
for the Sake of Mirth and good Fellowship;
And having lived to see his dearest Schemes completed, departed
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this Life on the 17th of Jan. 178—, in strong Convulsions, occasioned (as his Domestics report) by the Agitations he felt on hearing that Lord S ch proposed taking the Veil, and passing the Remainder of his Days (by express Command of his Holiness) in a Roman Catholic Nunnery.

Beneath this Stone
Lies the fairer Part of Lady N—, an Amazon,
Whose Gorgon-terrors were so irresistible, while living,
That her Pall-bearers shuddered lest their Virtue should preserve
its Efficacy in the Coffin.
Her Mind, had it been materialized, would been of the same
rough Complexion with her Person ;
Its Powers were not less despotic ;
The little Rest she gave the First L—d of the T—, was the
grand Plea he made in his Defence before the K— and P—vy
C—, for the indiscretionary *Doze* he took in the H— of
C—, though his Lordship was too honorable a Husband to
open the Budget of Family Occurrences in Parliament.
Lady N— complained that the Prem . . r had too much of the
Minister, and too little of the Man ;
So that on his Lordship's Resignation, she grew less turbulent,
And, to the Surprise of her most intimate Acquaintance,
Died a good easy Death on the
3d of Aug. 179—.

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In

In the Grand Chapel.

Consecrated by the Interment
of Sir G S le, Bart.

Whose invariable Attachment to the public Welfare was equalled
only by the Dignity of his Sentiments in private Life.

He studied to support the Spirit of the Constitution, and saw its
Principles violated with Regret and indignation.

Averse to the mistaken Zeal of factious Discontent, and abhorring
the specious Fallacies of Mal-administr n, he observed the
gentler and more honorable Track of Moderation in the Judg-
ments he formed, and Conscience in the Determinations he
adopted ;

And having lived with the Veneration and Esteem of all Mankind,
died on the 3d of — — — universally lamented.

Near the Altar.

P A S S E N G E R,

The Urn, you have visited, contains the Heart of
— H . . d, Bishop of L and C

A Prelate, distinguished by every Virtue, and immortalized by
every Qualification that could adorn the Christian,
the Gentleman, and the Scholar.

The Royal Pupils, whose Confidence he gained by the Elegance
of his Manners, and the Sincerity of his Counsels,

Knew and admired the Worth and Integrity of their Preceptor.

They

They cherished the Man, who had taught them the important Lesson how to be beloved, while the Arrow of Death forbore to vindicate its Errand, and erected this Tribute to his Memory, when robbed of the Felicity of contemplating his living Perfections.

Ye little intangible, incommunicable, aerial Spirits,
 If such of you there are who guard around the Ashes of
 departed Beauties,
 Hover, with soft Dominion, in inexplicable Circles,
 over the Corpse of the once Hon. Mrs. B . . v . . ie.
 Could you animate her afresh, she'd gladly join with you
 in the Dance,
 And charm your Senses with the dear Delights she had quitted,
 When she took *a long Farewell* of the upper World,
 And, wounded by the Dart of Death,
 Which she mistook for Cupid's Shaft,
 Bade an unwilling Adieu to *all her Greatness*.
 Her Calamity was as unfortunate, as novel,
 The Tears she shed, would have softened a Heart of Adamant;
 Yet Death, insensible to Contrition, was inexorable, and
 Mrs. B——, beauteous in Affliction, languished,
 grew sick, and died.

To the indelible Disgrace
 Of A B . r . n, Lady C . . y . . s,
 Is this Monument erected, who, fearless of the Infamy she must
 incur

incur with the virtuous Part of her Sex, and a Stranger
to the Anguish of Self-reproach,
Dared fly from the Arms of a Husband, who treated her with
Tenderness, to the Embraces of a Profligate, who, from a
Spirit of Gallantry, consented to an Union, which neither his
Honor, or his Inclination prompted him to accept.
Forsaken by the Man she seduced, despised by the World, and
then only compelled to a Sense of her Misconducts, she
fled for Refuge to the Gloom of retired Concealment, where
the Obloquy of the World disturbed not the Tranquility of
her Reflections.

To the Memory of — T t, Earl T t,
A Nobleman, who in the indiscriminate Rancor of Party-malevo-
lence, was exposed to Insults, which he felt with a greater
Degree of Sensibility, than those, who by their avowed Cri-
minality had justly merited the public Censure they expe-
rienced.

His Lordship was moderate in his Principles, and
uniform in his Conduct.

He considered the Finances of his Royal Master as equally
embarrassed with his own;

The Prodigality of a profuse, though generous Predecessor in one
Instance, and the exorbitant and oppressive Usurpation of
a Wife in the other, made it alike expedient to
restore OEconomy in the Household of the
Monarch and his Servant.

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The Slanders of a few interested Individuals were however
 listened to with Eagerness, and rendered the Task
 irksome and unprofitable,

On retiring from public Concerns, his Lordship discovered that
 genuine Happiness is not the Result of a Familiarity with
 Courts, but rather of a Self-approbation in having
 used that Familiarity with Fidelity and Honor.

Libertines and Statesmen,
 Gaze with Admiration on the Tomb of one,
 Who, in the extravagant Career of studied Licentiousness,
 Maintained a Firmness of Sentiment,
 Which did Honor to the Cause he had engaged in, while it
 stamped Conviction on the Principles he defended.

J... W...kes, Esq.

Read the Characters of Men, in the Measures they adopted,
 and considered them obnoxious, in Proportion to
 the Malignity of their Influence :

Though a Friend to the domestic Virtues of a Minister, he
 esteemed it an unpardonable Error in Politics, to admit
 them as a Bias for the Extenuation of public

Misdemeanors.

Zealous in the Interests he adopted, and bigotted to the Tenets
 he had once professed, the Measure of his Conduct was not
 always guided by cautious Moderation.

In condemning the lawless Insolence of a corrupt Adm...st...n,
 he sometimes criminated Men, who abhorred the Connivances
 they were said to have assisted in.

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Profiting

Profiting however by the Leisure of a less dangerous Period, he corrected the mistaken Sallies of an indignant Spirit, and preserved the Warmth of genuine Patriotism without a blind Adherence to the enthusiastic Rashness of a Party.

Here lie the ponderous Remains of
C..... P..... Lord M.....,
Immortalized in the Dock-yards of Great Britain as one of the choicest Sailors, and, without Exception, the most enlightened Journalist of his Age. He preserved the yet unfulfilled Glories of his Birth, with a *Caution* that would have done him Honor as a Pilot, but *tarnished* his Reputation as a subordinate Officer, disinterested in the Fate, and a competent Judge of the Merits of his Adm...l.

After performing a Multitude of gallant Services for his M—— and the Board of A——, his Lordship was declared unfit for farther Service by Means of his extraordinary Corpulence, and retired on a Pension, with the Sub-government of a new Hospital for Invalids, built at the joint Expence of —— and Sir Hugh P.....r.

To the Memory of Lady F.....s L. fl. e,
Who, tired of the Servitude she laboured under, in the Bonds of her first Wedlock, took a Resolution to turn the Tables on Lord T——, and eloped with the first pretty Fellow she could meet with.

Some conscientious Scruples attended the Violation of her own
Honor, though she was most rigidly indifferent to
that of her Husband;

To appease which, and to silence, if possible, the Voice of Calumny,
She offered her hand to Mr. L——,

Who, after binding her over to future good Behaviour,
accepted the Boon she bestowed, and treated her with
Tenderness and Affection.

The Loveliness of her Person made some Amends
(In the general Opinion)
for the Infidelity of her Heart.

She possessed Charms that would have captivated a Heart of Stone,
yet she obscured their Lustre by Failings, which must have
cooled the Ardor of the most unphilosophical Admirer.

In Remembrance
of — —, A..... of — —,
Promoted to the Dignity he held, rather from a Consistency in
the Sentiments of the P—— he served, than from the Splendor
of his Abilities or the Greatness of his Virtues.
His G— died on the 17th of April 17—, lamented but by a few,
for, on his Advancement to the See of — —, he had rejected
the Means of conciliating the Veneration of Mankind.

On a rough Stone, the Inscription scarcely legible.

— C..way, Earl of H.....
Made no Provision in his Will for the Structure of a Monument
to perpetuate his *Virtues*.

His

His S— thought them sufficiently exemplified in himself, and refused a more *liberal* Testimony of their Excellence.

Within the narrow Precincts of an earthly Grave
Are interred the consecrated Remains of H...ke, Lord H...ke,
A Veteran, whose Name, like that of our *First Edward*,
struck a Panic into the Enemies of Britain,
even after Death.

The Bravery of his Soul was equal to the Dangers he encountered :
The cautious Intrepidity of his Deliberations superior
even to the Conquests he obtained.

The Annals of his Life compose a Period of Naval Glory,
unparalleled in later Times.

Death, who seemed to menace him at every Instant and in every
Shape, forebore to strike the Blow, till his Inability to crush
the growing Insolence of the Enemies he had once vanquished,
rendered Life irksome, as it only reminded him of the Inactivity
he had submitted to with Repugnance.

In the Meridian of his Glory he scorned to ask the Honors his
Worth might have commanded :

A P—, fond of Heroes, yet misled by the Prejudices of designing Counsellors, granted him Dignities in the Eve of Life
which added Lustre to himself, only as they ennobled his
Succession.

His Lordship died, in a venerable old Age, on the 13th of
August 178—.

At

At the Entrance of a Family Vault.

Sacred to the Memory
of a Brother and Three Sisters,
the Representatives of a Family distinguished by the
Splendor of their Ancestry, and the Purity of their Virtues.
— B..... Earl of T.....
Aspiring to Qualifications
Which placed him on a Level with the
Most abject of Mankind, habituated
Himself to Sentiments unworthy even of
The wretched Conduct he exhibited.
Inured to the most abandoned Profligacy, he professed himself
Unhappy in having ever cultivated
A Wish that might promote the Interests
Of Honor or Benevolence.
This noble Criminal, an Apostate, even from the Inclination
Of being virtuous, fell a Sacrifice to the Prowess
Of Mr. L...pey, at K —, on the 3d of Sept. 178—;
His Death being occasioned by too precipitate
An Interruption of his Antagonist's
Ball in a *long Stroke*.

Lady C.....a W...
Less violent than her noble Brother, in the Principles she adopted,
Forfeited the comfortable Gratification of —000l. per Ann.
For the Sake of dear Mr. W—.

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She

She preserved her Honor, and with it her Happiness, inviolate,
And died in the *cordial*, though non-*restorative*, Embraces
Of her surviving Husband,
On the 17th of Aug. 178—.

Lady D . . h . ff,
Striving to emulate the dauntless Heroines of Antiquity,
Fought gallantly under the Banners of — King of P—d.
A less magnanimous Prince of the Eng—sh Blood R—l gave
her a distinguished Command in his Squadron:
Dissatisfied, however, with the Post she had held,
Her Ladyship quitted her native Land in 178—,
And died in the Service of his Pruss—n Majesty in Oct. 179—.

Lady ——— ———
Fond of Dominion, when founded on the genuine Spirit of
true Love,
Conceived an unconquerable Antipathy to modern Matrimony;
And, in Conformity with the romantic Sentiments she cherished,
Fled from the Participation of Wealth and Honors to the
Arms of —, and the Gloom of Obscurity.
Her Ladyship soon discovered that the Scene she had anticipated
was founded on Idea, and pictured only by the creative
Fervor of her Imagination.
The Error was, however, beyond the Power of Remedy:

She saw the fatal Consequence of the Foible she had indulged,
lamented her Indiscretion,
And strove to banish it from her Remembrance.

In the Grand Chapel.

Sacred to the Memory of
Th....w, Lord Th....w,
Exalted, at a Period when his Abilities shone with their most
distinguished Lustre, to the Dignity of
Lord High Ch——r of G——t B——n,
and in the Discharge of that important Trust, revered by the
Men, whose Interests he protected, and admired by the most
zealous Advocates of a Party, whose Prejudices were
diametrically opposite to the Principles
of his Conduct.

In his Oratory he seemed to have revived the Eloquence of Rome
with a Precision of Argument peculiar to himself.
Having penetrated, from his earliest Years, the Depths of ancient
and modern Learning, he became familiar with the Sentiments
of every Age, and imbibed the genuine Spirit of the
Men, whose Glories he eclipsed.

Possessed of Talents, which Nature had bestowed with the most
lavish Profusion, he improved them by the Severity of
unwearied Application, to a Summit of Perfection
unparalleled in the Records of modern History.

Cautious in the Assertions he maintained,
And rapid in the animated Progress of his Language,

He

He astonish'd his Adversaries with the Sublimity of his Reasoning,
While, by the judicious Texture of his Arguments, he rendered
the Authority of his Decisions unanswerable, even by the
notorious Cavillers of an Eng—sh P—rl—t.

In domestic Life his Lordship preserv'd not the Splendor of his
Virtues in their senatorial Purity.

Morose in his Temper, he wish'd not to gain the Affections of
those, whose Admiration he commanded,

And having lived with the public Veneration of Mankind, died
without a Testimony of private Attachment.

Here sleeps, somewhat ashamed of the Indignity,

— D—fs Dow—r of B.....d.

Left Ages to come should wonder, how a Lady, so eminently
distinguished in the public Registers of the Reign she lived in,
should come to an End so wretched and untimely, this Mar-
ble, while it records her Greatness, relates with Monumental
Sorrow the wayward Events which preceded her Dissol-
ution.

The D— of G—, Lord L—, Lord W—, and Mr. R—y
formed a *Partie Quarrée* at B—d House, by request of the
noble Plenipotentiary Residee, with a View to accommodate
. Matters for a Junction with Lord N—.

The Terms being, to Appearance, adjusted to the Satisfaction
of all Parties, Mirth and Good-humour took place, and
Inebriety was *Nem. Con.* resolv'd on, as the necessary *Ulti-
mum* of their Debates. The D—fs, ensnared by the com-
fortable

fortable Appearance of the Thing, gave into the Scheme, and in Three Quarters of an Hour *was put to Bed* by her very honorable Associates.

At this seasonable Juncture her G--- was prevailed on to sign certain Proposals on the Part of his G--- of G--, and recovering from her Intoxication, --- herself from Chagrin at being so egregiously bubbled.

Here lieth the Body of
Cl..... S.....n, Earl of M.....
Who, after spending an ample Fortune in the most wretched Dissipation, died in a French Prison, reduced to the Want even of common Necessaries.

His Creditors have erected this Stone, for the Purposes of deterring the E--- or I--- Nobility from imitating his Misconducts.

To the Memory of
----- M....y, Viscount S.....nt,
Who did Honour to the Confidence of an indulgent Prince By the Greatness of his Virtues, and the Integrity of his Counsels. The Conduct of Lord M---- was a Pattern which he strictly copied, and by making it an invariable Bias in his parliamentary Determinations, gained the Love and Esteem of all who judged with Candor, and decided with Moderation.

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His

His Lordship died on the 17th of Jan. 18--, esteeming Death
an Enemy, dreadful only to the rashly inconsiderate, or
the malevolently criminal.

Sir H . . . P

Refigned to the Evils he had been obnoxious to through Life,
died with Serenity.

The Contempt of Mankind moved him not to Indignation,
though it shortened his Existence.

Let those, who speak of his Misfortunes, treat them
with Compassion.

Here lies, in piteous Plight,

The Body of ---, C---fs Dow---r of -----

Attribute it not to false Discernment, curious Spectator, if on
being admitted to view her Ladyship's Remains, thou
conceivest them to have been animated with
an *Egyptian Soul*.

The *Mummy*-like Preservation they exhibit

Was the Result rather of Violence than Art.

Mr. B.... called on repeatedly by the departed Spirit of Lord S---
to avenge his Injuries, from the generous Principle of a *Fellow-*
feeling, confronted the *Ephesian Dame* with an *Hardieffe* so un-
precedented,

And bruised her with a Resolution so steady and effectual,
That in less than ---- Years after the Authority of a *Special*
Liceuce,

Licence, his Lordship's Ghost was quiet, and Lady S---
reduced to unconditional Obedience.

The noble Defunct, doomed to Misfortune, had scarcely obtained
Leave of Dr. ---- to quit her Chamber, when, impelled by
the Dæmon of Ill-luck, in the Person of her H-band,
She leap'd a five-barred Gate, in the Heat of a Fox Chase,
And fractured her skull, by *pitching* precipitately over the Neck of
her Steed.

Nat. --- 17--

Ob. Mar. 17, 17-4.

In the Grand Chapel.

Insensible to Malevolence, and exempt from Persecution,
Sleeps F..... N.... Lord N....

A Minister, zealous in the Accomplishment of Measures,
Whose Validity was rather supported on the Systems of a C--cil,
than approved by private Conviction;
Unwearied in the Prosecution of Designs, which, though esta-
blished by Constancy, were seldom attended with Success.

The Errors of his Admin----tion
Seemed rather to have arisen from Fatality than Indiscretion.

To have succeeded the Duke of ----
Was a Calamity, which his Lordship considered as the Source of
his Misfortunes.

Policy and Dissimulation marked the Conduct of the one,
An honest Credulity the Subservience of the other.
Hence his Lordship became obnoxious to the Ignominy and Dis-
grace which his Pred---r had avoided, by confessing
himself a Profelyte to Popularity.

After

After having vanquished a Series of Difficulties, which menaced him at the same Moment, with accumulated Destruction, his Lordship had nearly effected an honorable Reconciliation betwixt G--- B---- and her C.l.nies, when the Goddeffs of Sedition, envious of the Glories he might acquire, procured his Affassination by the Hand of Mr. --- on the 8th of Aug. 178-

Beneath this Stone lies

F E l of

A Name odious even to the wretched Miscreants who had been instrumental to the Enormity of his Offences. Providence suffered him to assist in reforming public Manners, by exhibiting Vice in its genuine Deformity. He criminated every Foible that had before been deemed venial, and so effectually disgraced the Failings which had hitherto gained Indulgence, that Men were fearful of deviating from the Principles of rigid Virtue, lest they should be reproached with having given Sanction to the Conduct of Lord P---.

His Lordship (as the Friends of his Family report)
died a natural Death.

His Corpse was arrested, previous to its Interment,
But the Privilege of Peerage secured it from Molestation.

Sacred to the Memory
of ----- G r, Earl G r,

A No-

A Nobleman, who, for the Purpose of quelling the Party Zeal
 —which distinguished his Family Connections,
 Suffered the Determinations of a dishonourable P—vy C—l to
 be sanctified by his Approbation, till the Infamy of their
 Proceedings became abhorrent to every Sentiment
 of Honesty or Honor.

His Lordship was recalled to the Post he had held on the 3d of
 — 178—, on the Resignation of — and —,
 and died on the 17th of Feb. 179—.

At the Entrance of the Grand Chapel.

To transmit, with Glory, to Posterity,
 The Name and Memory of Sir H Cl n,
 This Monument of Triumph was erected the 14th of Jan. 18—,
 By the unanimous Vote of an unprejudiced H— of C—,
 And at the willing Expence of a grateful People,
 Whom he restored to the Wealth and Greatness they
 had almost forfeited,
 In a Contest with the combined Powers of Europe and America.

Tread lightly, gentle Passenger ;
 Perhaps, lost in the Rapture of Joys she wishes to eternize,
 She only sleeps.
 The once lively Lady P . . cy, shrouded in the Vest of cold Mortality,
 Subverts our Maxims, or appalls our Senses ;

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Enforces

Enforces our Reflexion, or encourages our Disbelief.

Eternally disunited from the Nobleman she injured, her Ladyship offered a very cogent Claim to Mr. B——'s Affections, but without Success. Piqued at the Affront, and tired of an unsettled Life, she gave her Hand to the Earl of ——, who had just been divorced from the Partner of his Bed, and died on the Wedding Night.

Depart with Caution, lest, even now, she seduce
you to her Embraces.

S. T. R. A. N. G. E. R.,

Trouble not the Ashes of Sir ——,
Left his departed Spirit, animated with the same Malevolence
That vexed his Peace, while living.

Return again, and haunt you with new Terrors.
The dismal Gloom that reigns below, is the genuine Emblem
of his Life ;

An accurate Picture of the Sentiments he espoused.
His Existence was burthensome to himself ;
His Manners odious to others :

A Slave to the tyrannous Misanthropy he cherished,
He felt not a Moment's Satisfaction but in the Exercise of Despotism ;
Nor studied the Gratification of a Wish, but in the
Calamities he distributed.

After aggrandizing his Interests, by accumulated Possessions,
He suddenly disappeared on the 3d of —— 178—,

And:

And was discovered on the 17th suffocated at the Bottom of a
 — mine, which he had dug for the Purpose of
 prejudicing Mr. —.

Hallowed by the
 Interment of G na C—fs Sp r,
 Possessed of every Charm that could captivate Admiration,
 Adorned with every Perfection that could add Dignity to the
 Elegance of her Accomplishments.
 Though the exalted Loveliness of her Virtues
 Will secure her a distinguished Place in the Annals of Fame,
 Yet the filial Piety of a much-loved Daughter
 May be allowed to dedicate this monumental Pillar to her Memory.

Interred, with her Head downwards,
 Lies, by this Time, in a most woeful Condition,
 Mrs. W — — t — n.
 Who, with all the Spirit of a First-rate Termagant, and all the
 Indifference of a genuine ———,
 Found it difficult to mitigate the Moroseness, or moderate the Pride,
 of the learned and dignified P--l-te, who condescended
 to call her Wife.
 She was the most complete Adept, *dans les Ruses de Guerre*,
 of any Woman in her Time;

And.

And is supposed to have concerted more than half the Infidelities
which took place in the Neighbourhood of P—, some Years
previous to her Death.

The ep..c.pal *Brigadier*, whom she had enlisted, left her in an
eligible Widowhood. Mr. —, his Lordship's —, —,
admir'd the Means whereby she supported it,
and on the — of —, 178—, she was again a Wife:
Death, however, partial only to the undistinguished, beckoned to
her on *the Parade*; and Mr. N—h, striving to shelter
her from his Malevolence, embraced a Corpse.

Here lie the Bones
Of — Earl of R,
Who dared not acquaint the World with the Generosity of
his Purposes, while living,
But deferred a Testimony so unexpected to the Hour of his
Interment; his Lordship trusting that his Repentance will
be accepted, however dilatory, in the Penance
which gives it Sanction;
And caring but little for the Mode of Faith, which is to prove
its grand Support, confesses himself a sincere, though
posthumous Profelyte;
And bequeaths the Sum of *Three Pence Halfpenny*, to every honest
and well meaning Christian,
Who shall be discovered in the joint Act of praying for his
Lordship's own Soul, and endeavouring to save
those of his illustrious Progeny.

His

His Lordship recommends those who wish to become Candidates
 for the Premium he offers, to read his last Will and Testament,
 drawn up in the Principles of Lord Ch
 but considerably more binding, wherein they will learn
 the particular Necessity of rescuing his Right
 Honourable *Spirit* from Purgatory, and pre-
 venting his Relations from being thrown
 into the *same* Predicament.

Somewhat distinguished

By the Residence of Duke of
 Who, though blessed with the Acquisition of considerable Wealth,
 Basely rejected the honourable Affluence it afforded,
 And dissipated the Inheritance of his Fore-
 fathers, while in Reversion,
 Had his Life been only unprofitable, it might have passed in Obscurity,
 and been closed without a Memorial:

But the Wretchedness of his Manners was such, that they composed
 a Pattern for the Knave, and a Lesson for the Profligate,
 which he was sedulous to recommend.

His G—, after lingering some Days, died on the 3d of July, 178—,
 in severe Agony, having received a Kick on the Stomach
 from a favourite Bay Mare, near the Middle of the
 preceding Month, which was supposed to
 have considerably hastened his
 Dissolution.

To the Memory of — Lord — — —
 Who, for a long Series of tiresome Years, was neither distinguished by an Action, or a Sentiment, which merited Observation. His Majesty's M——s, wishing to profit by his Connexions, and lamenting the Insignificance of an Instrument so wretched, implored the — to make a Lord of him. Sir W —, who till then had been religiously pacific, acquired a Consequence in Parliament, and, to the double Surprise of his Constituents, *spoke*, what he called *his Meaning*. One Session, as *My Lord*, wiped out his studied *Ayes* and *Noes* as Sir —, *Bart.* and the Career of his Felicity promised to be permanent: yet the Perverseness of his Fate, or rather a *dirty* Wilfulness of his own, checked his growing Greatness ere it became mature. At the general E——, 1780, anxious to be returned for C——, but more so to be free from any Apprehension in the pecuniary Way, he prevailed on about a hundred and fifty of his warmest Friends, to be conveyed from the Metropolis in a — — *Hoy*. The Punctilios of *nice Calculation* previous to their embarking, detained them a considerable Time; foul Weather on the Passage proved a second and more wayward Obstacle: they arrived, 'tis true—but the Poll had been closed Two Hours; Lord — — — had otherwise been in a Majority. His Lordship, endeavouring to retrieve the Losses he had sustained, st--rv-d himself to Death; and, in his last Moments, declared his Approbation of an *Exit* so inglorious.

Look,

Look, Neighbours, look !

Scorning the obsolete Indignity of an humiliating Shroud,
 Here lies the *Wreck* of John Earl of S.....,
 The only Relique of a *Vessel* consecrated rather to Stability than
Honor ;
 More confident in the *Stoutness* of its *Bottom*, than cautious in
 the Traffic it was instrumental to.
 His Lordship,
 Who had ever professed himself an Enemy to Prejudice, and who
 had steered widely from the *Shallows*, *jurandi in Verba Magistri*,
 Swore *point-blank* his Person should never
 Return to the mouldering Texture it exhibited on the Eve
 of Man's Creation,
 And ordered his Corpse to be embalmed in a
 Remnant of the choice Spirits
 He had broached on P — — ser's Escape.
 Having ever laughed as well at the Politics as at the
 Religion of his Country,
 He felt no Compunction on being honored with a *Congé d'Elire*
 for the Office of First L—d of the A—— ;
 But resigned the Dignities he had held, with
 the same Indifference that had di-
 stinguished him in the
 Possession of
 them.

To

To the Memory
of C..... Earl of L.....,
Whose Obsequies, however they might warn Mankind of the
Dangers which await Presumption,
Solemnized but a specious Mockery in the stately
Scene they exhibited.
The noble E—, animated like his F—, but ever on a mistaken *Scent*,
Erred egregiously in contesting an E— with any one
but a *Simpleton*.
My Papa was in the wrong, formed but a sorry Plea, though it
composes an Inscription truly *elegiac*.
Sick at Heart,
Yet not daring to be intimidated with the Putridity
of Shambles or Fish-Stalls,
The heretofore less-persecuted *Tommy*,
Though stifled with the *Kisses*, which, like —, he had
received and given,
Ventured forth a second Time,
To prove that certain Carcase-Mongers' Wives were not empowered
to kiss, or to be kissed;
And attempting to nullify the Privilege in — Alley,
Got bruised to Death for the Pains his F— made him take.
The Coroner and Jury, after long Deliberation,
brought in their Verdict W—ful M—der,
by *Butchers' Wives unknown*.

Consecrated

Consecrated by the Sepulture
of Lady M..... F.....ce ;

The Splendor of whose Ancestry was surpassed only by the
Greatness of her Sentiments.

Exigence, which annihilates the Systems of Nobility,
Served only to enhance the Estimation she had ever set on the
Grandeur of her Birth.

Condemned to a comfortless Retreat, she felt not the
Irksomeness of Obscurity ;
for the indignant Principles she had adopted, sheltered her from
the Servility of its Dominion.

Espoused to a Man of Sorrows, perhaps not criminally unfortunate,
Lady M—— supported her Humiliation with Complacency,
as she had tempered the Benignity of Fortune
with Gentleness and Moderation.

Reduced (though Probability will perhaps deny the Charge)
to a more inglorious Situation than Lord —— found her in,
lies Lady Visc—tes

Distinguished even in ——, and puissant in the Discharge of
Offices almost inseparate from Contempt.

The *Finesse* of manual Defence was a Lesson early taught her, and
practised to Advantage in a Contest with Lord ——.

Her Prowess became a Prelude to the Sweets of —— ;

Her Policy, to the Comforts of an honorable Union ;

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Stripped

Stripped however of its choicest Blessings on the succeeding
Eve of Consummation.

The *ennobled* P—refs, wanton in her Sentiments, though speciously
discreet in the Externals of her Carriage, was summoned
before her Peers, on — 178 — on a Charge of —
and her Settlement confiscated, with a
Proviso only in Favor of her State-
Coach and *Pyebalds*.

T H E E N D.

